Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 18 (currently amended) A purified polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;

an amino acid sequence of conservatively modified SEQ ID NO: 2; and

an amino acid sequence of which comprises at least 40 consecutive residues of SEQ ID

NO: 2, having at least 20 consecutive residues.

Claim 19 (original) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 20 (original) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of conservatively modified SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The purified polypeptide of claim 18, comprising an amino acid sequence of which comprises at least 40 consecutive residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, having at least 20 consecutive residues.

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